

ANZPRA Early Career Researcher Award

Application Guidelines

Funding objectives

This research award is specifically designed for Early Career Researcher (ECR*) members of ANZPRA to visit other laboratories to **learn new techniques** and/or **advance collaborations**, with the purpose to enhance the awardee's career development. The award may also provide opportunities for ECRs to gain vital skills and experience in preparing grant proposals.

Applications must be prepared in consultation with the ECR's supervisor/mentor, and the objective of the visit has been discussed with and supported by the host laboratory/research team, prior to the application being submitted.

A short letter of endorsement supporting the proposal needs to be obtained from both research teams (preferably the Laboratory Heads).

**ECR definition described under eligibility section below*

Funding

Funding requests under this award will be up to \$1000 (AUD).

The fund will be paid directly to the applicant. The applicant will need to arrange payment of any out-of-pocket (e.g. consumables) if any, to the host group as agreed prior to submission of the application.

Eligibility

For the specific purposes of this award the following eligibility criteria apply:

1. Only Early Career Researchers (ECRs) can apply.

ECRs = Masters/PhD students and early post-docs; being within five years of the award of their PhD or equivalent higher degree at the time of the application deadline. Career disruptions/time away from research as per the NHMRC guidelines e.g. parental leave will be taken into consideration. Please detail in the application form.

2. Applicants must have been an ANZPRA member for at least 12 months by the June deadline.
3. It is highly encouraged that both the applicant and host are ANZPRA members – however where the case can be made for an excellent learning opportunity outside of the placental field - this will be considered with the objective to enhance career development of the ECR and progression of ANZPRA as a society.

Budget

Eligible expenses:

The following project costs will be considered eligible expenses:

1. Travel associated cost, including transport (e.g. economy flights) and/or accommodation.
2. Other specific costs (reagents etc) necessary to obtaining the research skills from the host lab (e.g. consumables).

All expenses must be decided prior to submission of the application in consultation with both the applicant and the host laboratory and allocations included in the budget



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Assessment

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

The quality of the application and proposed project	40%
Significance of the proposed visit, especially the immediate benefits to applicant's career development.	40%
Track record of the applicant, relative to opportunity. (Attach a Curriculum Vitae – 2 page max)	20%

Reporting

Within 3 months of the visit, a report of no more than one A4 page must be submitted to the Secretary of the Society outlining the activities undertaken, specifically detailing the immediate benefits of the travel, and any projected benefits to the applicant. A summary of expenditure is also necessary.

The awardee will also be required to present the above report briefly at the AGM associated with the satellite meeting following the travel.

Submission of proposals

Applications are to be submitted in PDF format **as a single document** by email. All completed applications must be received by midnight on the **7th June 2019 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)**. Late applications will not be accepted and page limits must be adhered to.

Applications will only be considered where they adhere to the following:

1. Include the ANZPRA ECR Award application form, completed in full.
2. The application form must be completed in Times New Roman 10 pt font, all margins 0.5 cm.

Letters of support from host lab and current supervisor/mentor must be attached to the submission email.

Please email the completed and signed application form and project proposal to anzplacentalresearch@gmail.com with any relevant supporting documents by the deadline specified above.